

APPENDIX B6

*Borrego Water District Notice of Election to Serve
as Groundwater Sustainability Agency*



BORREGO WATER DISTRICT

October 26, 2015

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RE: Notice of Election to Serve as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

Pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8, the Borrego Water District (District), provides this notice of its election to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the portion of the Borrego Valley Groundwater Basin (number 7-24) within the boundaries of the District and wholly within the County of San Diego, as identified in the attached Exhibit A.

The District is a California Water District formed and operating under the provisions of the California Water Code 35565 and has the authority to exercise powers related to groundwater management. The District adopted an AB3030 Groundwater Management Plan in 2002. The District territory lies entirely within San Diego County and is the sole source water supply for the unincorporated community of Borrego Springs.

On October 20, 2015, the District held a public hearing to consider applying for the GSA status. The District noticed this hearing in both the bi-weekly Borrego Sun and the daily San Diego Union Tribune newspapers, as required by Water Code section 10723(b). A copy of the notice is provided in Exhibit B.

The District also mailed courtesy copies to the Counties of Imperial and San Diego which are the only other local agencies with groundwater authority in the Bulletin 118-2003 configuration of the Borrego Valley Groundwater Basin. A copy of the resolution through which the District elected to become a GSA is attached as Exhibit C. Please note that, under separate cover, the District, the County of Imperial, and the County of San Diego will jointly request the Department of Water Resources adjust the basin boundaries in Bulletin 118-2003 so as to split the basin so that the District and the County of San Diego will manage the portion within the County of San Diego and the County of Imperial will manage the portion within its boundaries.

The District will work cooperatively with the two Counties, along with all interested stakeholders pursuant to Water Code 10723.2. These interested parties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights
 - 1) agricultural users - 17 property owners encompassing 3,976 acres
 - 2) domestic well owners - approximately 75 wells located within the District boundary
- b) Municipal well operators - no incorporated cities within District boundary
- c) Public water systems - Borrego Water District
- d) Local land planning agencies - San Diego County Department of Planning and Development Services, Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group
- e) Environmental users of groundwater - Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
- f) surface water users - Anza-Borrego Desert State park
- g) The federal government - none
- h) California Native American Tribes - none
- i) Disadvantaged Communities - all ratepayers of the Borrego Water District
- j) Entities listed in Section 10927 - the Borrego Water District has filed and maintains CASGEM monitoring data with the Department of Water Resources.

The District will consider the interests of all users of groundwater within its boundaries and will maintain a list of interested parties to be included in the formation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

If the DWR has any question, or requires additional information regarding this notification, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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RESOLUTION 2015-10-02

Electing to Become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency

WHEREAS the Legislature recently adopted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, which authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion; and

WHEREAS, in order to use the authority granted in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, a local agency must elect to become a groundwater sustainability agency; and

WHEREAS, where more than one local agency overlies a groundwater basin, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act calls on local agencies to cooperate to manage the groundwater basin in a sustainable manner for the common good; and

WHEREAS, the District together with the Counties of Imperial and San Diego overlies the Borrego Valley groundwater basin; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the District to work cooperatively with community interests (including but not limited to the Borrego Water Coalition), the County of Imperial, and the County of San Diego, to manage the Borrego Valley groundwater basin in a sustainable fashion; and

WHEREAS, the District has provided informal notice of its intent to serve as a groundwater sustainability agency for the Borrego Valley Groundwater Basin (the "Basin" as defined in DWR Bulletin 118-80) by means of written communications to the Borrego Water Coalition and the Counties of Imperial and San Diego; and

WHEREAS, on October 5th and October 12th, 2015, the District caused notice of its election to serve as a groundwater sustainability agency for the Basin in the *San Diego Union-Tribune*; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2015, the District held a public hearing to consider whether it should elect to become a groundwater sustainability agency for the Basin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Borrego Water District as follows:

1. The District hereby elects to become a groundwater sustainability agency for the Basin.
2. District staff are hereby directed to provide notice of this election to the California Department of Water Resources in the manner required by law.
3. District staff are hereby directed to promptly meet with the Borrego Water Coalition and the Counties of Imperial and San Diego in order to begin the process of developing a groundwater sustainability plan for the Basin. District staff are further directed to develop that plan in consultation and close coordination with the California Department of Water Resources,

the Regional Water Quality Control Board, the State Water Resources Control Board, and other interested stakeholders, as contemplated by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

4. District staff are hereby directed to report back to the Board of Directors at least quarterly on the progress toward developing the groundwater sustainability plan for the Basin. The Board of Directors wishes to move forward aggressively to complete the development of this plan as quickly as may be feasible and to ensure that the groundwater basin will be managed in a sustainable fashion at the earliest possible date.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 20th day of October, 2015.



Beth Hart, President
Board of Directors of Borrego Water District

ATTEST:




Joseph Tatusko, Secretary
Board of Directors of Borrego Water District

{Seal}

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO)

I, Joseph Tatusko, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Borrego Water District, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said District at a regular meeting held on the 20th day of October, 2015, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS: Hart, Brecht, Tatusko, Delahay
NOES: DIRECTORS:
ABSENT: DIRECTORS: Estep
ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS:



Joseph Tatusko, Secretary of the Board of Directors
of Borrego Water District

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO)

I, Joseph Tatusko, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Borrego Water District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of RESOLUTION NO. 2015-10-2, of said Board, and that the same has not been amended or repealed.

Dated: October 20, 2015



Joseph Tatusko, Secretary of the Board of Directors
of Borrego Water District